

Analogies

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ANALOGIES

are an explanation that compare a complex idea to something familiar, highlighting shared features to make the unfamiliar concept easier to understand.

What's an Analogy?

- Imagine socks: they go together because they're a pair. An analogy is like that, but for words.
- It shows how two things are related in a specific way.

He<mark>re's the fo</mark>rmat:

 First Word (A) : Second Word (B) :: Third Word (C) : (This reads as "A is to B as C is to D")

Breaking it Down:

- **A & B:** These are the first two words that create the relationship. (e.g., Teacher : Classroom)
- :: This symbol means "is related to".
- **C:** This is where your detective skills come in. You need to find a word that relates to the fourth word (D) in the same way B relates to A.
- **D:** This is the answer choice you must pick.

Finding the Perf<mark>ect Match</mark>:

- Think about the connection between the first two words (A & B).
- Look for an answer choice (D) that has the same kind of connection with the third word (C).





SOME COMMON TYPES OF ANALOGIES:

- Function: e.g., Hammer : Nail :: Key : Lock (Both are used to open something)
- **Size:** e.g., Mountain : Hill :: Ocean : Pond (One is much larger than the other)
- **Cause & Effect:** e.g., Sun : Daytime :: Rain : Storm (One thing causes the other)

Tips for Tackling Analogies:

- Focus on the Relationship: Don't get hung up on the individual words. What connects them?
- **Think Logically:** Eliminate answers that don't make sense. (e.g., A teacher wouldn't wear a stethoscope like a uniform!)
- **Consider Size or Scale:** Sometimes, the relationship is about size or importance. (e.g., A teacher is like a leader of a classroom, so a doctor might be like a leader of a hospital.

Practice Makes Perfect!

Ready to test your analogy skills? Try these examples:

- **Book : Shelf ::** (A) Shirt : Hanger (B) Food : Plate (C) Car : Road
- Fast : Slow :: (A) Happy : Sad (B) Hot : Cold (C) Big
 : Small
- **Teacher : Classroom ::** Doctor : (A) Nurse (B) Patient (C) Hospital

Bonus Challenge:

- Create your own analogy with a friend.
- Take turns coming up with the first two words (A & B) and see if you can both find the matching word for the answer choice (D)!